

Comments

- 1) Applicant thanks the Examiner for his office action and hopes that this response will further the understanding of applicant's invention.
- 2) Claims 1-57 and 62-68 are pending in the application. Claims 58-61 were cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, 11-18, 20-25, 27-33, 35, 37-42, 44-49, 51, 53, 54, 56, and 57 were amended. Claims 62-68 are newly presented.
- 3) Applicant amended the claims to more distinctly claim material to which he believes he is entitled.
- 4) Applicant respectfully traverses the election requirement on the grounds that the species identified by the Examiner are patentably indistinct. In accordance with MPEP §809.02(a), applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the paragraph beginning page 35 line 20 of the application as filed which states *inter alia*: "While several methods of actuating articulations has been described, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the method described herein are supplied as an example of preferred embodiments. Thus words like motor, linear motor, air muscle, and the like are directed to any actuator type fitting for the task of actuating the articulations and parts described. It is also apparent that any arrangement providing controlled articulations, is an operative equivalent that falls under the invention, the selection of which is a matter of technical choice of common engineering skills."
- 5) Applicant therefore requests that the election requirement will be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner.
- 6) Applicant provisionally elects the species identified by the Examiner as species 5, relating to Figure 11, and to claims 23-26, as required by 37 CFR §1.143.

Applicant has made a good faith effort to address each and every point made by the Examiner, and amended the claim and the specifications in order to place the application in condition for allowance. In light of the showing and all other reasons stated above, applicant believes that election requirement presented by the Examiner in the office action mailed to applicant March 20, 2003 should be rescinded.

Should the Examiner find any deficiency in this amendment or in the application, or should the Examiner believe for any reason, that a conversation with applicant's agent may further the allowance and issuance of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact Shalom Wertsberger at telephone (207) 799-9733.

Respectfully submitted



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